

**KATHY LEGGETT, Bedford Heights CLERK OF COURTS - (440) 786-3280**

The Bedford Municipal Court is located at 165 Center Road in Bedford, Ohio as part of the New Bedford City Government complex. To find the court from Bedford Heights City Hall, turn right on to Perkins to Rockside, turn left on Rockside to Warrensville (Center) Road, turn left on Center to 165 Center Street, the Municipal Center. Court is set back off the road behind and opposite the Fire Department.

[Bedford Municipal Court - Traffic/Criminal](#)

**Ross Cirincione** serves Bedford Heights as the Prosecutor as well as Law Director. Mr. Cirincione is assisted at Court at times by a member of the Reddy, Grau & Meek Law firm.

Mr. Cirincione served as the city's Assistant Law Director from 2004 until his appointment as Law Director in January of 2008. Mr. Cirincione is also an attorney in the law firm of Reddy, Grau & Meek. **Deborah M. Turner** is currently the city's Assistant Prosecutor and Assistant Law Director.

The Clerk of Courts for the Bedford Municipal Court is **Thomas E. Day, Jr.** However, **Kathy**

**Leggett serves as Clerk of Courts for the City of Bedford Heights.**

Kathy was appointed to this position July of 2010.

**General information:**

Bedford Heights Waiver Bureau

Phone: (440) 786-3280

5661 Perkins Road

Bedford Heights OH 44146

**Business Hours:**

Monday - Friday (except holidays)

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Clerk of Courts office is staffed by one full time employee, Kathy Leggett. Their responsibilities include preparing all tickets, summons, and warrant and affidavits that have been issued by Police Officers within the jurisdiction of the City of Bedford Heights. All activity

concerning each ticket is tracked until its completion.

Within the Clerk of Courts Office is a **Waiver Bureau**. Officers may issue tickets whose offense may be waived provided they are within the guidelines. The guidelines include, but are not limited, to the following:

1. At time of payment Defendant must understand that they are entering a plea of guilty to the stated charge.
2. Insurance is to be provided by Defendant to the officer at the time of the traffic stop or to the Clerk of Courts office when payment is made.
3. Speeding violations may be waived up to twenty miles over the speed limit. All violations over twenty (20) miles are court appearance only.
4. Tickets issued that involve an accident may be waived provided the Defendant has insurance and damage to vehicles is minor.

You can also pay all waiverable offenses via credit card in person at the Clerk of Courts window in the City of Bedford Heights Police Department.

We have provided the Schedule of Waiver Fees for your convenience.

## WAIVER FEES

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## CHAPTER 313

### Traffic Control Devices

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**Section:** Violation: Amount 2<sup>nd</sup> in  
1yr-M4

313.01 Obedience to Traffic Control Devices \$95.00 M  
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313.02 Through streets; stop and yield right of way \$95.00  
MM

313.03 Traffic Control signal terms and lights \$95.00  
MM

**Chapter 331,335**

**Operations Generally**

331.05	Overtaking, passing to left of center	\$95.00	
MM			
331.07	Hazardous or no passing zones	\$95.00	
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331.08	Continuous lines of traffic	\$95.00	
MM			
331.09	Following too closely	\$95.00	M
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331.10	Turning at intersections	\$95.00	
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331.12	“U” turns restricted	\$95.00	M
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331.14	Change of course, turning or stopping	\$95.00	
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331.16	Right of way at intersections	\$95.00	

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331.17	Right of way when turning left	\$95.00
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331.19	Operation of vehicle at stop sign	\$95.00
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331.21	Right of way of public safety vehicle	\$95.00
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331.30	One-way streets and rotary traffic islands	\$95.00
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331.34	Failure to Control; weaving; full time attention	\$95.00
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331.42	Shortcutting; across private property	\$95.00
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331.43	Littering from motor vehicle	\$95.00
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331.44

Wearing earplugs or earphones prohibited

\$95.00

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333.03

Assured Clear Distance

\$95.00

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335.01

Expired Operator’s License – 30 day exp.

\$95.00

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Minor Accidents (no personal injury and must have proof of insurance)

\$140.00

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Chapter 337

Safety and Equipment

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Section:

Violation:

Amount

2<sup>nd</sup> in

1yr-M4

**337.01 Driving unsafe vehicles**  
\$95.00  
MM

337.02      Lighted lights      \$95.00  
MM

337.04      Tail light: illumination or rear license plate      \$95.00  
MM

**337.-- All other safety and equipment violations**  
\$95.00  
MM

337.27      Child restraint system usage      \$44.00  
MM

337.271      Driver’s restraint system usage      \$54.00  
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337.271      Passenger’s restraint system usage      \$44.00



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All fines collected for violation of Section 337.27 and 337.271 shall be forwarded to Treasurer of State for Deposit.

**CHAPTER 339**  
**Commercial and Heavy Vehicles**

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Section:	Violation:	Amount
1yr-M4		2 <sup>nd</sup> in

339.02	Use of local streets; local permit	\$95.00
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339.08	Loads dropping or leaking	\$95.00
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An additional \$20.00 will be added for speeding violations that occur in school zones.

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**One to Ten miles over speed limit**  \$90.00  
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Eleven miles over speed limit \$92.00  
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Twelve miles over speed limit \$94.00 M  
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Thirteen miles over speed limit \$96.00  
MM

Fourteen miles over speed limit \$98.00 M  
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Fifteen miles over speed limit \$100.00  
MM

Sixteen miles over speed limit \$102.00  
MM

Seventeen miles over speed limit	\$104.00
MM	

Eighteen miles over speed limit	\$106.00
MM	

Nineteen miles over speed limit	\$108.00	M
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Twenty miles over speed limit	\$110.00	M
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**Prices reflect a 60 mph zone**

One to Ten miles over speed limit	\$100.00
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Eleven miles over speed limit	\$103.00
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Twelve miles over speed limit	\$106.00
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Thirteen miles over speed limit	\$109.00
Fourteen miles over speed limit	\$112.00
Fifteen miles over speed limit	\$115.00
Sixteen miles over speed limit	\$118.00
Seventeen miles over speed limit	\$121.00
Eighteen miles over speed limit	\$124.00
Nineteen miles over speed limit	\$127.00
Twenty miles over speed limit	\$130.00

**By paying a waiver, you are entering a Plea of Guilty. Waiver payment amounts include State Costs of \$24.00 (also known as the Ohio Reparations Rotary Fund).**



mitigation of punishment. The Court will then make a finding of guilty or not guilty. If the finding is guilty, the Court will impose the penalty it feels is appropriate under the circumstances.

When the Court's judgment is announced, if you are found Not Guilty you will be ordered discharged forthwith. If you are found Guilty, you will be remanded to the custody of the bailiff or other authorized personnel to carry out the Court's penalty.

Cash, money orders, personal checks (if approved by the Court) MasterCard and VISA are accepted for payment of fines and court costs. All fines and costs are due in full at time of sentencing.

Non-citizens of the United States of America are required upon appearance to inform the Court of their legal status.

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## **RIGHTS IN COURT**

- The right to be informed of the nature of the charge, the identity of the complainant, and the right to see or read the complaint.
- The right to an attorney and a reasonable continuance to obtain the services of an attorney.
- In certain cases other than minor traffic offenses, if you are unemployed and/or without sufficient assets to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney for you. In such cases, you must complete an Affidavit of Indigency provided to you by the Court, and the Court will then determine whether to appoint an attorney for you based upon the facts presented in the

affidavit.

- The right to plead not guilty, guilty or no contest to the violation for which you have been charged.
- The right to a trial by jury in certain cases or trial to the Court.
- The right to cross-examine any witness who is called to testify against you.
- The right to inform the Court of any fact or circumstance you feels the Court should know.
  
- The right to testify or not testify in your own defense.
- The right to choose not to appear before a Traffic Magistrate in lieu of an appearance before a judge.

The Bedford Municipal Court is authorized to hear misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases that involve offenses occurring within its geographic jurisdiction, and civil cases within its monetary jurisdiction of \$15,000.00 or less. The Small Claims Division of the Court deals with civil cases in which the amount is \$3,000 or less.

The Bedford Municipal Court has jurisdiction over the following communities: Bedford, Bedford Heights, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Chagrin Falls Township, Glenwillow, Highland Hills, Moreland Hills, North Randall, Oakwood, Orange, Solon, Warrensville Heights and Woodmere. Court hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Bedford Municipal Court website is [www.bedfordmuni.org](http://www.bedfordmuni.org).